

IV. REMARKS

In the Office Action, request was made for the submission of an Abstract on a separate sheet. Applicant's attorney's copy of the specification shows the Abstract on a separate page, namely, page 30. A copy of the Abstract on a separate page is included with this response.

Headings for the various sections of the description in the specification are provided, as suggested by the examiner.

Claims 11 and 26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112 as being indefinite for reasons set forth in the Office Action. These claims are amended for clarification so as to overcome this ground of rejection. It is noted that these claims were not rejected on art. Accordingly, in view of the present clarifying amendment, the claims 11 and 26 are believed now to be allowable.

Claims 1, 6-10, 14, 17-21, 23, 25, 27-29 and 31-36 have been allowed, as noted on page 3 of the Office Action.

New claims 37-89 are presented for further definition of the invention. The new claims are believed to be patentably distinguishable over the teachings of the art cited by the examiner in a previous Office Action, and are believed to meet the reasons indicating allowable subject matter presented by the examiner in Point 5 of the present Office Action.

For all of the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now present in the application are clearly novel and patentable over the prior art of record, and are in proper form for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested. Should any unresolved issues remain, the

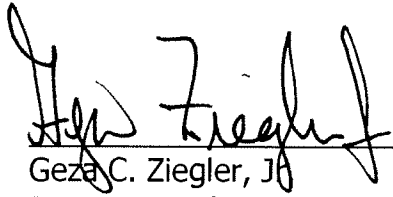
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Examiner is invited to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment for the three month extension of time (\$1,020) and the additional claims, 42 additional including 4 independent (\$2,900) as well as any other fees associated with this communication or credit any over payment to Deposit Account No. 16-1350.

Respectfully submitted,



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